



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2615

Application No.: 09/987,733

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For: IMAGE BLUR CORRECTION CAMERA AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING OF
IMAGE BLUR CORRECTION

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the February 10, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants provisionally elect Species II, Figure 4, with traverse. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 32 read on the elected species, of which at least claims 1, 16 and 29 are generic.

Applicants submit that when a generic claim is found to be allowable, then claims to each additional species embraced by an allowable generic claim must be rejoined. See MPEP §809.02(c).

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.

See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
Petition for Extension of Time

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